

Amendment to the Claims:

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (canceled).
2. (canceled).
3. (new) A quick connecting device for ducts in motor vehicles, comprising of:

a female member having first and second opposite ends, and an outer surface with first and second circumferential protrusions;

a male member having first and second opposite ends, and an outer surface with a circumferential groove, said male member being receivable in said female member at said first end of said female member without said first end of said female member covering said circumferential groove;

first and second sealing members disposed between said first and second circumferential protrusions, respectively, of said female member and said outer surface of said male member; and

a fastening member disposed around said female and male members holding said female and male members axially in place.

4. (new) A quick connecting device according to claim 3, wherein

said fastening member includes first and second substantially U-shaped coupling portions, one of said first and second coupling portions being received in said circumferential groove of said male member and the other of said coupling portions being fitted into the groove defined between the first and the second circumferential protrusions of the female member.

5. (new) A quick connecting device according to claim 3, wherein

said first and second sealing members are first and second gaskets, respectively.

6. (new) A quick connecting device according to claim 3, wherein

said fastening member is a fastening clip.